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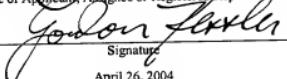
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PROCESSING SYSTEM, INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION  
APPARATUS, INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM,  
HAND HELD TERMINAL DEVICE, INFORMATION  
RECORDING MEDIUM, AND INFORMATION  
PROCESSING METHOD  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action which issued in this application on March 26, 2004, requiring an election of species among those species readable on Figures (1-2), 3, 4, 5, 6,

7, 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 11a, 11b, 11c, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17a, 17b, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25,  
26, 27a, 27b, 28 and 29, respectively.

It is submitted that claims 1-61 are readable on the above-identified drawing figures as follows:

Species 1, Figs. 1-2, on which Claims 1-14 and 26-38 read;

Species 2, Fig. 3, on which Claims 1, 5, 7-12, 29, 30 and 32-36 read;

Species 3, Fig. 4, on which Claims 1, 3 and 15-24 read;

Species 4, Fig. 5, on which Claims 2 and 15-17 read;

Species 5, Fig. 6, on which Claims 2 and 15-17 read;

Species 6, Fig. 7, on which Claims 4, 12, 19, 25 and 36 read;

Species 7, Fig. 10a, on which Claims 4, 12, 19, 25 and 36 read;

Species 8, Fig. 10b, on which Claims 4, 12, 19, 25 and 36 read;

Species 9, Fig. 10c, on which Claims 4, 12, 19, 25 and 36 read;

Species 10, Fig. 10d, on which Claims 4, 12, 19, 25 and 36 read;

Species 11, Fig. 11a, on which Claims 4, 12, 19, 21, 25 and 36 read;

Species 12, Fig. 11b, on which Claims 4, 12, 19, 21, 25 and 36 read;

Species 13, Fig. 11c, on which Claims 4, 12, 19, 21, 25 and 36 read;

Species 14, Fig. 12, on which Claims 11 and 35 read;

Species 15, Fig. 13, on which Claims 6 and 23 read;

Species 16, Fig. 14, on which Claims 6 and 23 read;

Species 17, Fig. 15, on which Claims 18-24 read;

Species 18, Fig. 16, on which Claims 18-24 read;

Species 19, Fig. 17a, on which Claims 13 and 37 read;  
Species 20, Fig. 17b, on which Claims 13 and 37 read;  
Species 21, Fig. 18, on which Claims 13 and 37 read;  
Species 22, Fig. 19, on which Claims 14 and 38 read;  
Species 23, Fig. 20, on which Claims 39-44 and 56-61 read;  
Species 24, Fig. 21, on which Claims 39-44 and 56-61 read;  
Species 25, Fig. 22, on which Claims 42, 45-47 and 59 read;  
Species 26, Fig. 23, on which Claims 39, 40, 43, 44, 48, 50-52, 56, 57, 60 and 61 read;  
Species 27, Fig. 24, on which Claims 48-55 read;  
Species 28, Fig. 25, on which Claims 48-55 read;  
Species 29, Fig. 26, on which Claims 45-47 read;  
Species 30, Fig. 27a, on which Claims 39, 40, 43, 44, 48, 50-52, 56, 57, 60 and 61 read;  
Species 31, Fig. 27b, on which Claims 39, 40, 43, 44, 48, 50-52, 56, 57, 60 and 61 read;  
Species 32, Fig. 28, on which Claims 48-55 read; and  
Species 33, Fig. 29, on which Claims 39, 40, 43, 44, 48, 50-52, 56, 57, 60 and 61 read.

Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Species I corresponding to Figs. 1-2, including claims 1-14 and 26-38, for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner and believe that there are only seven distinct species in the present application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to revise the requirement for an election of species to identify the species as follows:

Species 1, illustrated by drawing Figs. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 10-10D and 11A-11C;

Species 2, illustrated by drawing Figs. 3, 9, 12, 13 and 14;

Species 3, illustrated by drawing Figs. 4 and 26;

Species 4, illustrated by drawing Figs. 8, 15 and 16;

Species 5, illustrated by drawing Figs. 17A-17C, 18 and 19;

Species 6, illustrated by drawing Figs. 20 and 21; and

Species 7, illustrated by drawing Figs. 22, 23, 24, 25, 27A-27B, 28 and 29.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications, if necessary, to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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